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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 3, 1999 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 14, 1999; June 15, 2000; September 13, 2000; and March 5, 2001 in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 11-252301, published on September 17, 1999, along with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 6-217069, published on August 5, 1994, along with an English language Abstract; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 6-350788, published on December 22, 1994, along with an English language Abstract.

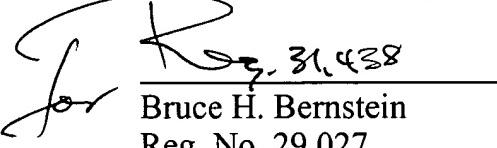
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted patent documents and the accompanying Abstracts. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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